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Q. If I am costing my goods what duty rate is applicable?

A. The rate of import duty is provided by the National Advice Service (NAS) by contacting 0845 010 9000 and providing them with the commodity code for the

Q. Can you provide me with the commodity code for my goods?

A. We can provide verbal advice as to the commodity code for the product. To c we need to know exactly what the goods are in order to give help you identify t relevant commodity code. We must point out that this is only verbal 'advice', if require a written ruling then you will need to apply for Binding Tariff Informatio

Q. Will I be required to send a sample(s) of the goods?

A. Yes, generally if you are able to send a representative sample(s) of the good will assist the Tariff classification officers in making their decision. For some go as textiles, shoes and ceramics samples are usually required.

Q. Can I have the sample(s) returned to me?

A. Yes, postage stamps (only) may be enclosed with the sample or you may ma arrangements for collection (e.g. by courier).

Q. Where can I obtain a BTI application form?

A. To obtain a BTI application form call the Tariff Classification Service on 0170: selecting option 0.

Q. How long does it take for the Tariff Classification Service to reach a decision?

A. Provided that you have given us all the information regarding the goods we a issue with a BTI decision within 10 working days, from the time of acceptance c application.

Q. Where can I see a copy of the Customs Tariff?

A. The Integrated Tariff of the United Kingdom, (Tariff for short), can be seen a most main reference libraries, or you can purchase the 3 Volume set from TSO Publications Centre. For general advice and information ring our National Advice

Q. Is there a list of the commodity codes for the most popular products?

A. Yes the Tariff Classification Service have compiled a list of these products (see below).

| Product | Commodity Code | Comments |
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| Adult bicycles | 8712 0030 00 | |
| Antiques over 100 years old | 9706 0000 00 | |
| Artificial flowers | | |
| of plastics | 6702 1000 00 | |
| of other materials | 6702 9000 00 | |
| Batteries, cylindrical e.g. AA, AAA size | | |
| Alkaline | 8506 1011 00 | |
| Zinc carbon | 8506 8011 00 | |
| NiCad | 8507 3091 00 | |
| NiMH | 8507 809190 | |
| Billiard tables | 9504 2010 00 | |
| Blank CDs | | |
| CD-R | 8523 9000 10 | |
| CD-RW | 8523 9000 90 | |
| Calculators | 8470 1000 00 | |
| Cameras | | |
| 35mm SLR | 9006 5100 00 | |
| 35mm/APS compact | 9006 5390 00 | |
| digital still | 8525 4011 00 | |
| Cars over 50 years old | 9705 0000 00 | |
| Ceramic sinks, wash basins, pedestals, baths | | |
| of porcelain | 6911 1000 00 | |
| other | 6911 9000 00 | |
| Cigarettes | 2402 2090 00 | Cigarettes containing tobacco. |
| Computers | | |
| Desktop system | 8471 4990 00 | |
| Laptop or notebook | 8471 3000 00 | |
| Contact lenses | 9001 3000 00 | |
| Cosmetics | | |
| Perfume | 3303 0010 00 | |
| Toilet waters | 3303 0090 00 | |
| After-shave | 3307 1000 00 | |
| Skin creams, lotions, moisturisers | 3304 9900 00 | (includes suncreams) |
| Cricket & polo balls | 9506 6910 00 | |
| Decorative ornaments made of plastics | 3926 4000 00 | Includes resin figurines/ornaments/frames. – N.B. Handicrafts usually classified according to constituent material. |

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| Dietary/Nutritional supplements With no sucrose or milk fats With up to 70% sucrose With more than 70% sucrose | 2106 9092 80 2106 9098 45 2106 9098 49 | Usually a mixture of honey and/or vitamins. – Classification here depends on sucrose and milk fat content |
| Dolls carriages (prams) | 9501 0010 00 | |
| Domestic food mixers | 8509 2000 00 | |
| Domestic juicers | 8509 2000 00 | |
| DVD movies | 8524 3920 00 | |
| DVD players | 8521 9000 90 | |
| Fishing reels | 9507 3000 00 | |
| Fishing rods | 9507 1000 00 | |
| Flipper games | 9504 3030 00 | |
| Golf clubs (complete) Golf clubs (parts) Golf Balls | 9506 3100 00 9506 3910 00 9506 3200 00 | |
| Guitar Acoustic Electric | 9202 9030 00 9207 9010 00 | |
| Ice skates | 9506 7010 00 | |
| Life jackets & Life belts (not buoyancy aids) | 6307 2000 00 | |
| Mobile phone Handset Hands-free kit Charger | 8515 2091 00 8518 3080 00 8504 4020 00 | Cellular phones only, satellite phones |
| MP3 player/recorder | 8520 9090 90 | |
| Music CDs | 8524 3290 00 | |
| Original paintings, drawings & pastels | 9701 1000 00 | |
| Ornamental articles of porcelain Handmade Other | 6913 1000 10 6913 1000 90 | |
| Peaked caps/baseball caps | 6505 9030 00 | |
| Personal CD/minidisc play only | 8519 9918 00 | |
| Personal CD/minidisc record/play | 8520 9090 90 | |
| Personal radio | 8527 1900 00 | |
| Personal radio with CD or minidisc | 8527 1310 00 | |
| Playing cards | 9504 4000 00 | |
| Roller skates | 9503 7030 00 | |
| Safety headgear of plastics | 6506 1010 00 | |
| Sunglasses Optically worked glass lenses | 9004 1010 00 | |

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| Plastic lenses | 9004 1091 00 | |
| Tableware & kitchenware of porcelain | 6911 1000 00 | |
| Tents | | |
| of cotton | 6306 1100 00 | |
| of synthetic fibres | 6306 2200 00 | |
| of other textile fibres | 6306 2900 00 | |
| Tobacco | 2403 1010 00 | Hand rolling tobacco in immediate packings with content not exceeding |
| Torches | 8513 1000 00 | Includes key rings within the fob. |
| Toys representing animals (stuffed) | 9503 4100 00 | |
| Umbrellas | | |
| Garden umbrellas | 6601 1000 00 | |
| Umbrellas with telescopic shaft | 6601 9100 00 | |
| Walking sticks, seat sticks, whips | | |
| handmade | | |
| other | 6602 0000 10 | |
| | 6602 0000 90 | |
| Wines | | Still wines with abv of |
| White wine | 2204 2179 80 | than 13% |
| Red wine | 2204 2180 80 | |
| Wrist watch | | With steel or plastic case |
| Automatic winding | 9102 2100 00 | |
| Quartz analogue | 9102 1100 00 | |
| Quartz digital | 9102 1200 00 | |

Q. How can I obtain further information on exporting my goods?

A. From British Trade International, a joint DTI and Foreign Office organisation has replaced the DTI Overseas Trade Services, British Overseas Trade Board and Joint promotion Directorate). It has lead responsibility within government for all promotion and development activities of the two departments on behalf of British businesses. This involves the production of guidance, advice and materials on

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